

House Resolution No. 2932

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State organizations that are dedicated to improving the quality of life in local communities and neighborhoods through the preservation and propagation of cultural heritage; and

Whereas, the German Cultural Society headquarters on South Jefferson Avenue in Saint Louis, Missouri, can trace its roots to the Saint Louis chapter of the American Aid society that was founded in 1945 to help refugees of Eastern Europe who fled to Germany and Austria prior to coming to the United States; and

Whereas, the German Cultural Society, also known as the Deutscher Kulturverein, is a nonprofit, nonpolitical organization whose purpose is to foster educational and benevolent activities; preserve and advance German culture, customs, and language; and cultivate German music, songs, and dances in traditional costumes, all of which constitute German folklore, tradition, and fellowship; and

Whereas, one of the largest and most successful of the German societies in the Saint Louis area, the German Cultural Society maintains a multipurpose building and hall on Jefferson Avenue and the Donau-Park facilities in Jefferson County; and

Whereas, the approximately five hundred members of the German Cultural Society host an annual Rosenball formal dance for youths, Oktoberfest in the fall, Trivia Nite benefit, and Maifest, which will be held this year on Sunday, May 18, 2008, at Donau-Park; and

Whereas, a portion of the entertainment at Maifest will include appearances by the Deutschmeister Brass Band, Kinder-Tanzgruppe, Jugendgruppe, Volkstanzgruppe, and Trachtengruppe along with traditional German food and drink; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause in its constitutionally mandated legislative actions in order to recognize such outstanding Missouri organizations as the Germany Cultural Society of Saint Louis:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the history, goals, and accomplishments associated with the German Cultural Society and to convey to all of those involved this legislative body's most heartfelt commendation of their diverse civic involvement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the German Cultural Society of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Jeff Roorda
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I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2932, adopted May 12, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker